

## Homeshare opportunity in Checkendon, RG8 (Ref 067)

Would you like to share the lovely home of an engaging and friendly older person in the peaceful South Oxfordshire village of Checkendon, 8 miles from Wallingford, Reading and Henley and 20 miles from Oxford?

The householder is an ex-primary school teacher and campaigner who latterly worked at the Citizens Advice Bureau, CAB, for 27 years. She is very interested in local history and has written a couple of books. She is also interested in history, philosophy, current affairs, reading and crafts and in the past enjoyed travelling, walking and exploring new places. She has been very involved in her local community for the past 47 years.

The Householder lost her husband just under two years ago and she is missing companionship. Increasingly poor balance and a loss of some mobility causes a degree of anxiety and prevents her from doing practical, simple jobs around the house, for example taking rubbish out to the bins. Assistance for cleaning and gardening is already in place.

Primarily the householder is looking for someone to provide companionship and spending time with, enjoying good conversation. Sharing some meals and an interest in cooking would be desirable. An odd game of scrabble or cards would be appreciated too. In time, trips to the cinema or shopping expeditions would be a bonus.

This Homeshare would suit a considerate, caring and tolerant person who would be happy to help out in the ways outlined above but who would also enjoy their own space. The householder would like the Sharer to feel very at home and they would be welcome to share all the living space and garden. It would suit someone with a love of the countryside rather than the hustle of the town or city.

Checkendon is in a small, rural location which provides a variety of walking opportunities and cycle rides. There is no local bus service so this would probably only suit someone with their own transport.

The Householder has had two vaccine jabs but is still being cautious in the light of Covid-19. The Sharer should be double vaccinated and would abide by all COVID regulations.

**Homeshare Oxfordshire** carefully matches an older person, or couple, looking for help, companionship or reassurance at home, with another person who is happy to lend a hand, and who needs low-cost accommodation. **The Sharer gives the Householder up to 10 hours of their time each week as a combination of companionship and practical help, as agreed.** Each party pays a monthly fee to Homeshare Oxfordshire.



### Location and accommodation:

Checkendon has two pubs, a church, a Village Hall and a school. It lost its Village Shop, Post Office and bus service 4 years ago but the nearby Village of Woodcote 1½ miles away provides a supermarket, some shops and a regular bus service direct to Reading and Oxford.

The home is a large family house with a lovely garden front and back. The Sharer would have the use of an en-suite bedroom and shared living spaces.

	fully furnished		garden
	wifi		non-smoking
	parking		bike storage
	en-suite bathroom		village location

### Costs:

- £ 200 monthly fee payable to Homeshare Oxfordshire
- Contribution to bills payable monthly to Householder

## Summary of support needed in this Homeshare arrangement

### Time together:

- Company and a gentle re-assuring presence in the home
- Share some meals together
- Occasional game of scrabble or cards and the occasional trip out

### Help in the house:

- Odd jobs around the house when required

### Help out and about

- The odd errand – e.g. posting a letter

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- Completing an application form and providing contacts for 3 referees
- An enhanced DBS check
- Interview

If you feel that Homesharing could be right for you (see opposite), and that you could be the right person for this opportunity, please contact us in the first instance via the 'Register your interest' form at [homeshareoxfordshire.org.uk](https://homeshareoxfordshire.org.uk)

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## Could Homesharing be right for you?

### • Age

Sharers are aged 21 or over (and eligible to live in the UK)

### • Support commitment

Sharers can happily give up to 10 hours each week as practical help or companionship to the Householder.

(No personal care is involved).

### • Shared living

Sharers would enjoy and value living with an older person, or possibly an older couple. Sharers are emotionally mature, clean and tidy, kind and considerate.

### • Circumstances

Sharers have an established work/study pattern. The risk of the Sharer's exposure to COVID-19 usually needs to be taken into account.

NB Homeshare is not usually suitable for people working long hours or shifts. Sharers are generally not expected to be away overnight unless pre-arranged, with the exception of weekends away, holidays etc

### • Duration of Homeshare

Sharers are able to commit to a minimum of 9 months, although most Homeshare arrangements last considerably longer.

### • References and checks

Sharers are able to provide three referees (usually character, employer or institution and landlord). Sharers must tell us about any spent or unspent convictions and undergo an enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check.

### • Financial commitment

Sharers should be able to demonstrate that they can meet the monthly fee requirements plus the contribution to household costs.